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Mr. Hitchcock's Activities.

A feeling is growing in well-informed political activities are not doing the administration the least bit of good.

In fact, it is putting the case none too strongly to say that it is generally beadministration positive harm.

partisan work of any character. It is far from pleasing to see him

the administration.

machine building is not his. It is Mr. struction it is proving to be.

If Mr. Hitchcock's activities were thus permitted to give undivided attention to his national chairmanship role, in strength and public confidence.

Tall Men as Weaklings.

of the United States, in New York the other day, said the tall man's heart was too far from his heart was Shackleton, in a talk before the Pilgrims too far from his brain and his feet to make him a valued member of society. The man who got nearest the south pole has a peculiar line of reasoning, and his into the north temperate zone.

The argument of the south pole explorer strength and vitality dissipated, owing to the unusual demands made on the village on Easter night, with half the North hailed a native. of the blood.

Since there are more tall than short men, Sir Ernest will probably be called illuminated with Chinese lanterns. The upon many times to prove his contention. He may be able to cite historical instances in his favor, but those of opposite view will also be able to quote nest is a better explorer than he is a thronged with spectators. physiologist or psychologist.

Work for the Fool Killer.

With the approach of the 1st of April, this is a good time to take an accounting and find whether the fool killer has done

There is a fool born every minute, and it would keep the fool killer rather busy to attend to all the cases, but he should the building rush for the single means of be on the job to a greater extent than he escape, trampling each other until, as From the Cleveland Leader. has been of late.

The chief criticism of his work is that he has allowed the Marathon dancers to escape. This was a fad in some of the Western cities some years ago, but it soon died out, as the band that tried it went to the hospitals with nervous prostration. This year, however, the dance has become popular in many sections of the fifteen hours' continuous waitzing, their 800 lives were lost; in the Parls Charity

conscious the first hour, while the others the burning of the Iroquois Theater, in danced madly about. The winners waltzed Chicago, stand out conspicuously along And, more than five miles, and at the con- with the shocking disaster to the excurclusion the girl fell unconscious and remained in that state for several hours.

The reward for this sustained effort was sionists aboard the General Slocum, in Here are no troubles; here are none that weeep; Here come no thoughts of sadness or despair; But fairest flower in fullest beauty alea; Protection against fire is reaching a And softest sunlight dreams upon the air.

cording to different viewpoints. of foolishness will end, but probably some and a repetition is less likely. The Iroother will be devised for those who in- quois Theater fire resulted in more strinother will be devised for those who insist on doing themselve, injury or courting death. Unless the fool killer is more in America, and especially in Chicago.

The weary souls, unburdened of their sin; And cursed things are here forgiven and bless'd; And wicked hearts are made all clean within.—Bertrand Shadwell, in Bosken Transcript.

Marathon dances and their like.

The Blight of the Bauble.

The Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs has submitted a report on the bill granting permission to certain officers of the United States to accept gifts from the From the Philadelphia Public Ledger, governments of foreign states. For the first time there has been laid down some semblance of a rule which shall govern the Congressional authorization of the de- From the Philadelphia Public Ledger, livery of these testimonials. The Constitution contains a prohibition of the granting of titles of nobility, and forbids the acceptance of presents by officers of this ... 40 cents per month | country from foreign potentates without\$4.80 per year the consent of Congress. It has now been decided that no decoration shall be received save when it is conferred for surge for? contributions, and no communications to some exceptional or extraordinarily meritarious and that no presents shall From the Wichita Eagle. some exceptional or extraordinarily meribe received except those which may be The batting averages of the correspondents who classed as souvenirs and marks of should be sent with the manuscript for courtesy. Accordingly, the authority has been granted for the delivery of certain presents which are considered as coming within these classes, while in some 170 instances the consent of acceptance has that President Taft is treading in Roosevelt's foot-

offers of decorations.

It will surprise most people to know that so many presents and decorations are in the possession of the State Department awaiting distribution. In glancing over the list which is regarded with disfavor, one cannot help being impressed has found a short cut to wealth. with this form of generosity as it prevails circles that the Hon. Frank Hitchcock's in other countries. According to the Sec- From the Macon Telegraph. retary of State, there are now about 220 diplomas, decorations, medals, and other gifts in the custody of the chief clerk of may have been true since March 4, 1909, but it was that department. It is not made known not quite true during the seven preceding years, what will be done with the gifts and lieved that his activities are doing the decorations which are not bestowed, and it might easily appear to the source of It is not a pleasing spectacle to see such compliments that the indifference form of the Republican party, it seems almost a the head of a great department of the closely approaches an affront. There is government endeavoring to build up a no avoiding the impression, also, that political machine or engaged in purely some of these decorations have been sities of the circumstances described as justifying the issue. Most of the army dispensing and withholding patronage in and navy officers who are indicated as the dual role of party chairman and recipients simply did their duty to their For Poor Old New York and Its De-Cabinet officer-far from pleasing to any- own government, such as serving as military or naval attaches; and there are It is neither good political morals nor several instances of decorations con- FOR RENT-SUITES OF FOURTEEN ROOMS and mountains. Dante first denied that lersville, N. Y. When they saw the good partisan politics. But it is decid- ferred "for reasons not known." Some edly potent in engendering resentment of the presents have a value which does and adding to the troubles which beset not seem to be in proportion to the event a-year flats? they commemorate, being, for instance, in a number of cases, souvenirs of the President Taft needs no political ma- visit of a squadron to some port. Perchine. He wants none. It is inconceiv- haps these decorations are more appreable that he has given a thought to the clated abroad than they are in this counbuilding up of such a machine. Every- try, and doubtless the gentlemen who are cedar-lined closets, and every earthly gradual slope that leads to the summit (at body knows, who knows him at all, that designated appreciate them at their true and unearthly thing ever invented to 10,800 feet above the sea) the devastation fies the conductor that a Senator is in which the financial genius of one man he has no love of patronage power. The sentimental value. It is well, at all make of a woman a useless parasite and due to eruptions in 1408, 1537, 1669, 1886, and waiting, and the car must get to the has accumulated. I have read, and I something approaching a system by which these gifts and decorations, medals and diplomas may be accepted.

turned in another direction-confined to damage to American dignity and our in the basement for every individual flat. reaching a height of 700 feet. The prin- but one of the common people at the count down a dollar, and yet leave fourthe running of the post-office affairs of traditionary veneration for unadorned and the country, for instance-or if he were untitled democracy to accept without your home-your real home, with a yard race marking the probable site of a great times," said he of the elevator. "Why touched! gether by divorce from official life and insignia which are described in the copiare of intrinsic value, and all of them ner in the basement to put the littlest volcano. we are candidly of the opinion that the are intended as compliments to repreadministration would gain in popularity, sentatives of the government on the part shates? and gain speedily. It would gain also of foreign nations. It will obviously be a difficult matter to draw the line or to make distinctions, and the rejection of the 170 decorations is not needed to pro-If you are short and stocky, you have izing influence of an European or an cause for congratulation; if you are tali Asiatic medal or parchment. There really does not seem to be any occasion to fear

Where Death Stalks.

Meeting death while on duty is an exlogic may apply south of the eighty-sixth when the Grim Reaper enters the festive degree south, but there are many who hall and takes scores or hundreds of those will take issue with him when he gets who a moment before were laughing and pump blood throughout the length of a the most hardened. To those who wit- corner of the house, and a rosy face at six years ago or saw the burned bodies flats in the world. vote most of its efforts to its other drifting away from the ill-fated Slocum, functions, while the tall man has his in New York Harbor, the imagination can population gathered in a great coachhouse fitted up as a ballroom. The build- here?" he asked. "What are you all runing is festooned with dry pine branches and ning so hard for?" gowns of the women, naturally, are of a flimsy character. Children, with their

> Suddenly the dry branches and ribbons catch fire. The flames shoot up and spread last. Policemen never hurry. so quickly that the dancers have no time to seek safety in flight. The entire roof is a mass of flames, and burning embers by hundreds drop in all parts of ablaze and their shrieks such as only the sight." Inferno knows. Those scattered about some reports have it, fully a hundred are smothered to death under the mass of ger," ed. Those at the bottom of the human The only objection was that his coldness pile escape the fire and may survive the was all in his feet. bruises inflicted, unless, perforce, suffocation has ended their earthly existence.

Such transformations from scenes of From an Exchang gayety to the presence of death are rare, modern history citing only five or six country. After a couple wins a prize for instances. In the Ring Theater, Vienna, pictures appear in the local papers, and then they are ready for competition with the winners of contests in other cities.

Soo lives were lost, in the loss of life was much less, but the prominence of the victims was such as to shock the world; in the winners of contests in other cities.

Was such as to shock the world; in the local papers, and then they are ready for competition with less, but the prominence of the victims was such as to shock the world; in the local papers, and then they are ready for competition with less, but the prominence of the victims was such as to shock the world; in the local papers, and then they are ready for competition with less, but the prominence of the victims was such as to shock the world; in In Brooklyn recently four girls fell un- America the Brooklyn Theater fire, and

\$25. The glory was great or small, ac- higher state of perfection every year. The Each calamity serves as a warning, and, With the approach of summer this form in most cases, these warnings are taken

prompt, it would be advisable to have There have been theater panics since, but the police exercise some supervision at there has been no loss of life due to negligence. Such lessons sink deep into the human heart, and it is well that each one be heeded.

CHAT OF THE FORUM.

Commander Peary's Handicap. Explorer Shackleton possesses an advantage in hav-

Could Not Resist Temptation. Canada took from this country this year 86,488 valuable citizens. They know that across the line lay the cheap steak zone.

What's the Answer? From the Chicago Inter-Ocean.

If the insurgents wants to insurge they will have to begin all over again. And if they have quit and intend to stay quit, what on earth did they in-

Did Not Earn Their Pay.

went up the Nile to meet Col. Roosevelt and interless than .000.

Senator La Follette's Idea. From the Boston Traveler

Senator La Follette, in his magazine, suggests been refused, and this embraces all the steps, all right, but that he is going in the oppo-A Fair Comparison.

From the Albany Journal.

The Democratic party, imagining that because it House, is like the man who, having had a bet on a

The Exception.

"No man in this country is so high that he is

Isn't It a Shame?

From the Houston Post. when we think of its transgressions, its greed, its saints, we just yearn for the moment when the From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. given without much regard to the neces- Lord of Hosts shall hand down the imperial mandate, "See et tu um."

SINCEREST SYMPATHY

natured Flat Life.

From the Kansas City Post,

there are only one or two on a floor. plate-glass shelves, individual wine vaults. the magnificent elevator. There are serv- lava beds.

five baths. Rentals, \$6,500 to \$12,000.

For Rent-An empty heart.

For Rent-A vacant brain. For Rent-An idle life.

edge of his nursery window.

Pack 'em in, crowd 'em in, push 'em in, grain, fruit, wine, and oil.

An Exaggeration.

In a Florida town a visitor from the "What's the matter with the people

"Can't stop to talk, stranger," the man answered over his shoulder as he rushed

parents, are there in soft white goods of the doors, and sprinted up the street, 2,300 feet above sea level. Its houses are some in aprons, some in their shirt all of one story, with wooden roofs, for authorities. All in all, we fear Sir Er- floor and the sides of the building are sleeves. An epidemic of madness seemed to have struck the place.

The town policeman sauntered along at

"What's wrong?" the stranger asked. "Ain't nothin' wrong," said the policegram that the down express is comin' clogged with humanity, their clothes their families down to the depot to see

Too Concentrated.

"I am always cool in the face of danhe boasted proudly. When the crisis came, we are obliged frenzied humanity. Few escape uninjur- to acknowledge that he told the truth.

In 1922-Perhaps,

Daughter-Have you voted, mamma? Mother-No; your father and I paired.

THE GARDEN OF FORGIVENESS.

A gentle wind breathes through the tufted grass, Rich with the scent of roses in their bloom; And, with the wind, all aims and serrows pass,

Leaving a sweet contentment in their ro

The murmurings of fountains, low and sweet, Forever fill the ear and never case. Scothing the silence with a gentle beat, Like kindly voices, speaking wavis of peace.

And here, forever and forever, rest

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

IN THE GAME, Fresh breezes sweep, And briskly keep The dust upon the move; And bursts of rain. Drench all the plain,

The city and the grove.

On every hand We see the land Emerge from nature's douse. What means this thing? Oh, Mother Spring, Is busy cleaning house.

Ever Notice! "I see you have a portfolio to carry

real lawyer.' carries his papers in his hat.'

A Modest Order. "What shall we order?"

"Something cheap." "All right. Walter, bring us some mock bean soup.

From bad to worse the poet goes; he

now prints verse disguised as prose.

Fresh Paint, Oaks and willows all about,

Show a trace of greenery; Nature has her artists out Touching up the scenery.

Bound to Happen, "I'm overwhelmed with company."

"Too bad." "Well, it's my own fault. I brought it on myself by going visiting."

An Old Cry.

"Why should you insist that the world is round?" demanded they. "Why shouldn't I?" asked Columbus. "It's this way. You might hurt busi-

MOUNT ETNA'S ERUPTIONS.

The fear of Etna among those who dwell in the neighborhood of the mountain is much older than the time of Virgil. who writes of the volcano vomiting cinders and fire as high as the stars, or of is a large tree. One of the guides was Ovid, who speaks of Etna's effort to escorting a party of sightseers, and throw off the earth and thrust aside cities among them were three men from Schuyand five baths to suites of thirty-four rooms and the manifestations of activity on the part ine baths. Rental, \$6,500 to \$12,000. agonized efforts of an imprisoned giant a limb of the same tree. They, as many The buildings are twelve stories high, to make his escape. Between the erup- others had done, promised the guide that and the apartments are arranged so that tion described by Pindar, that took place they would send him a piece of the total population of the glittering uniin 476 B. C., and the present outbreak tree for the same purpose, but he hasn't verse, and when we see what a marvel-Each apartment is equipped with vacuum there is historic record of more than as yet received the historical piece of ous effect of innumerableness they procleaners, dressing-rooms, millinery closets, eighty eruptions, and, as one ascends the wood.

For Rent-Suites of fourteen rooms and the year round, but where it is exposed it melts in the fierce heat of the Sicilian n rows along Riverside Drive as a light- between the mountain-which monopolizes hearted child sets up his blocks along the the eastern end of Sicily-and the Mediterranean is a belt of luxuriant vegetation, Fill up your apartment houses, your made all the more fertile by the volcanic \$12,000-a-year flats, with \$12,000-a-year dust, and from two to eleven miles in black, as a mark of respect for his memwidth, producing the cultivated crops of ory.

perience all humankind is exposed to, but fifty deep if you have to, a hundred deep In the eruption of A. D. 1164 the city of if you must. They're nothing but coops, Catania, to the south, was destroyed, with Senate, by a resolution of Senator Cur-based upon charity! those big flats, anyway. Keep them in its 15,000 inhabitants. In 1527 two villages tis, adjourned out of respect to the your own yard, poor, little old New York. were burled, and many lives were lost; in memory of the late Justice Brewer. This We don't want 'em out West, where the 1669 a flow of lava, again in the direction was the second time this session that the From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. chatting in the exuberance of spirits real people live—the real people who'd of Catania, overwhelmed 20,000 people. In which goes with relaxation from cares rather have a little four-room cottage 1852 there was a violent eruption; dust fell time of that heavy of the heavy is that it is too difficult for the heart to and duties, the scene is one that shocks with a yard and an old walnut tree at the in showers over the adjacent region, and time in the history of that body, the other in showers over the adjacent region, and the corner and collaring can and so does any individual. tall man to get the best results. In the nessed the Iroquois disaster in Chicago the window, than all the \$12,000-a-year length—were opened on the side of the heart can de length—were opened on the side of the same, number?" mountain. The eruption of 1864-65 had no of Representatives, and Justice Bradley. number?" serious consequences, but in May, 1879, the lava destroyed an extensive area un der cultivation. There were other eruptions in 1886 and 1892, and Etna was in malignant sympathy with the earthquake shock that destroyed Messina last year, though it was the earthquake and not the volcano that was responsible for the catastrophe.

The town of Nicolosi, endangered by the the inhabitants have a wholesome dread of earthquakes. It is the usual starting States purchased Alaska, that vast ter- doned. point for the ascent of the volcano, and it ritory of the northwestern part of North has the misfortune to lie directly in the American was known as Russian Amer- ed States to the Russian government was right. channel from which the lava stream is ica. The present name is the English this was generally looked upon as an exlikely to flow toward the city of Cantania. corruption of the aboriginal word "Altravagant expenditure, but ridicule at man. "The railroad agent just got a telegram that the down express is comin" buried by the molten current. The region the Russian government claimed this transaction has been changed to a sentihis duty in the closing year. We fear the room. The one means of egress is the roof, and the boys have gone to fetch traveler as "one vast ash pit," with land was on account of discovery. They ment that credits him with shrewd diplement the roof, and the boys have gone to fetch traveler as "one vast ash pit," with land was on account of discovery. They ment that credits him with shrewd diplement the roof, and the boys have gone to fetch the roof, and the boys have gone to fetch the roof, and the boys have gone to fetch the roof, and the boys have gone to fetch the roof, and the boys have gone to fetch the roof, and the boys have gone to fetch the roof, and the boys have gone to fetch the roof, and the boys have gone to fetch the roof, and the boys have gone to fetch the roof, and the boys have gone to fetch the roof, and the boys have gone to fetch the roof, and the boys have gone to fetch the roof, and the boys have gone to fetch the roof, and the boys have gone to fetch the roof, and the boys have gone to fetch the roof, and the boys have gone to fetch the roof, and the boys have gone to fetch the roof and the boys have gone to fetch the roof and the boys have gone to fetch the roof and the boys have gone to fetch the roof and the roof and the boys have gone to fetch the roof and th scarcely a growing plant in a radius of sent Vitus Bering, a Dane by birth, at half a mile. Gladstone in 1838 ascended the head of an expedition to the norththe mountain from this village, and has east of the Asiatic country. In July, 1740, graphically described his experience.

(now a city of 150,000 inhabitants) from a point about four miles above Nicolosi, at expeditions followed, the explorers and at Russia, under the guise of purchase, the rate of 50 or 60 yards an hour. The traders gradually extending their terrisun was darkened and all the people of tory. Eastern Sicily stopped work and sought | The Alaskan coast was visited by Capt. the churches or paraded the streets bear- Cook in 1778, and by the Spaniards at ing religious emblems and praying aloud. about the same time. In 1778 a Russian The lava moved more and more slowly, company was organized to exploit the and at last it traveled at the rate of only new country. Ten years later the Rustwo yards an hour, but it seemed as sian-American Company was chartered though no power on earth could save and was granted all Russian interests in Nicolosi. The archbishop of Catania North America for twenty years. therefore visited the village, in his state | From the time of the planting of the tants gave up all hope, Taking with them in 1862. all their possessions, even to the floor- Three years later, in 1865, the Western The date on which occurred the Sicilian that Sodom and Gomorrah were man and boards of their little houses, they sought Union Telegraph Company proposed to Vespers, a name given to the massacre the lower slopes, nearer the sea; but when construct a line from San Francisco of the French in Sicily by the Sicilians within 1,000 feet of the town the lava flow northward through the Pacific States in 1282. It is the birthday of Sir Henry was arrested, as the simple villagers aver and Territories to connect with the Rus- Wotton, the English diplomat and auto this day, by the miraculous eleventh- sian line at its them terminus, Amoor, thor (1568); of John Fiske, the eminent hour intervention of St. Agatha. Ap- Siberia. Many miles of line were built, historical writer (1842); of Charles Waldparently the people of Nicolosi will need but the route failed of completion be- stein, the archaeologist (1566), and the From Illustrated Bita all their faith to sustain them in the cause of the successful laying of the At- day on which Phocian, the Athenian genpresent crisis.

Days." In the course of his address, the with that man's dollars?" "Well, there's the stage lawyer. He some pending legislation. One morning there appeared in one of the San Francisco papers an article which reflected upon the good name of a reputable citizen of Oakland, charging that the gentleman in question was gathering a large corruption fund in order to defeat certain legislation then being considered.

wired Maj. McLaughlin as follows: "Brand the article in this morning's paper, false as h-. Such tactics will this evening." Whereupon, Maj. McLaughlin prompt-

"I have looked all over Sacramento, but I cannot find 'false as h-' branding iron. I would like to help you propel the boomerang, but I do not know just in which direction to throw it. Keep frappe, old man. To-day's papers are lost in starting to-morrow's fires."

Crowds continue to pour into the Capitol and the guides are making up for a poor winter. Among the many visitors many of them in the Senate galleries that they were obliged to go into the sections reserved for the men in order to every description by their patrons and thicker than the flakes in a driving snowoften they are promised souvenirs, storm! sometimes the promises are made good, but more often they are forgotten.

In the rotunda is a large oil painting of the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga in 1777. At the left of the picture painting of the Surrender of Burgoyne

Three rings at the Senate elevator notievents, to have an understanding and of a man a restiess, discontented Sybarite. other years is evident in the dreary waste point at once. A Capitol visitor, a fine suppose it is true, that the man owns There is a man in livery to open the of stunted broom-brush and patches of looking man, was in the subway, and \$500,000,000. For every star in the sparkbig front door. A man in livery to run cactus against the tortuous masses of the wanting to go up to the floor, proceeded ling universe, every star that the eye ants' quarters up under the roof and There are more than 200 smaller cones elevator came scooting down and the con- scopes show, every one that the marvel-It would seem, however, to do no there's an individual automobile garage upon the flanks of Etna, some of these ductor was amazed to find, not a Senator, ous photographic plates reveal, he could What would you take to have to give up cipal crater at the summit is upon a ter- door. "You shouldn't ring that bell three fifths of his stupendous fortune unroom enough on the hearthstone for the an amphitheater with walls some 3,600 lowed to use it." "Well, what do you enough left to purchase four other unious list furnished to the Senate by the old gray cat, and a place up in the garret feet high, affording a remarkable cross-Department of State. Few of the gifts to hang your old fishing pole, and a cor- section view of the inner structure of the vator bell, except as laid down by rule," curtly responded the man. "Say, I helped sequestered places the snow remains all to see him. I'll see about this nonsense."

Representative Martin, the near in-Do you know what signs ought to go up summer. When the mantle of the snow surgent, from South Dakota, is a rapid pile themselves in glowing heaps - he is removed the shoulders of the mountain firing orator of high caliber. When he could wrap every one in a dollar and present repellant vistas of volcanic ashes gets going the official stenographers put it aside in his storehouses, and when China and Japan solid timbers from 100 and lava, but the distant view is mag- have to shove the pencil at a fearful rate. the universe had no more to give he to 120 feet long and from 20 to 26 inches nificent. Below the barren mountain-top A small, wiry man, Mr. Martin never could still cry: Keep your \$1_,000-a-year flat, New York. there is a zone of forest, with pine, pop- knows when to stop, and he hasn't any "I buy stars! Come on with your stars! ests are the only possible sources of such Build all of them you want. Set them up lar, beech, and oak trees, and at the base sympathy for the knights of the pencil. Discover another and another universe; supply on all the globe, and Oregon's

STARS AND DOLLARS.

A Certain Rich Man's Fortune Compared to the Milky Way.

arrett P. Serviss, in New York American, I was looking at the Milky Way the other night, when a curious thought came to me, suggested by what the newspapers have been printing about a tremendous eleemosynary "foundation" which a cer-

actor-statesman said he was reminded of Well, the census of the starry sky is favor of the measure. There is, therean incident that occurred in the city of concerned almost entirely with the Milky fore, no reason why Congress should not Sacramento, in 1895, during a session of Way. The number of stars not connectyour papers in. Now you look like a the California legislature, Maj. Mc- ed with it is negligible-of no greater Laughlin, a well-known citizen of the relative importance than the bank ac-"What other sort of lawyer is there?" State, was at the capitol, looking after count of a corner grocer compared with the vast accumulations of the creator of to them the proposed great foundation.

But when you look at the Milky Way the idea of numbering its stars seems the dream of a madman. It stretches all gressional delegation from Arizona would round the sky: its extent is so unthinkably immense that science has never undertaken to measure it, and the imagi-Indignant at the attack, the citizen nation could not grasp the figures that such a measurement, if it was possible to make it, would involve.

Yet that whole enormous expanse of act as a boomerang. I am coming up space occupied by the Milky Way is so and the chances are that if an election crowded with stars that they make upon took place to-day for Congress, those the eye the impression of a silvery scarf wound round the brow of the universe. It requires a telescope to see them as a broad zone of glittering points instead of an almost uniform band of whiteness in

In some places they are more thinly scattered, so that as you gaze through the glass you almost think that, with infinite patience, you might count the number included in a space as large as the

face of the moon. But in other places they seem to be women are largely in the majority, and at one time yesterday there were so sands of square degrees of space, hanging in great festoons, spreading out in vast banners, where billions upon billions get seats. The guides are told stories of of cubic miles seem to be filled with stars

There are begemmed knots in that starry scarf so rich that the eye is dazzled and the mind confused by the spectacle which they present.

Yet science, although it shrinks from trying to estimate the space which they occupy, has succeeded in forming a fairly correct enumeration of the stars of the Milky Way.

The most extravagant estimates do not they remarked that they knew the tree put the number at more than 300,000,000, Have you ever seen one of those \$12,000- of the burning mountain were due to the well and that each had a cane made from and the most trustworthy probably make them a third less. A hundred million stars, then, is the

duce we begin to appreciate what a hundred million means Now, compare that with the dollars

to give the beil three sharp rings. The sees, every one that the mightiest tele-

freed from official responsibility alto- much question all of the presents and for the baby to play in, and a porch for cone destroyed in the early eruption. The not," asked the man. "Because, that is If the stars were for sale, at that rate the dog to consider his balliwick, and "Val del Bove," on the eastern slope, is a Senator's ring, and no one else is al- he could buy them, every one, and have

He could corner the starry product of boy's sled and the biggest girl's roller In winter the summit is snow-clad; in to make Senator Blank. Tell him I want had imagined that such a trifting trans-

action would strain his resources. Let all the stars fall; let them come in glittering, flashing multitudes; let them

I'll take all offerings. If your Andro-The seat of the late Justice Brewer is meda Nebula is made of stars, as you immediately at the left of that of the say, throw it down to me; I'll take it in cently been found in small quantities." Chief Justice. It is draped in heavy the lump; no need of stopping to count!" Fortunate that the stars are not for sale! Fortunate that there is a foundation not built upon dollars, and in which road," said John B. Berry, of Chicago, After a short session yesterday, the every human soul has a birthright, not at the Arlington yesterday. Mr. Berry

TO-DAY IN HISTORY.

The Purchase of Alaska-March 30.

he discovered a number of islands, among ritory. It was supposed the United States In 1886 a lava stream started for Catania them the one bearing his name. Other

carriage drawn by two white horses, tak- Czar's flag upon the soil of this great ing with him the holy white linen veil of unknown country its honor was sullied St. Agatha, the most sacred relic of his by acts of oppression and cruelty. The cathedral. After the veil was exhibited Russian-American Company established in a chapel on the mountainside the a number of trading posts, but its rule stream of lava, it is asserted, divided, but was characterized by the most barbarous a part of the stream continued to flow in conduct, and it became so notorious that the direction of the town, and the inhabi- the government refused to recharter it anesthetic in 1842. It is the date upon

lantic cable, and after an expenditure of eral, died in 317.

The curchasing price paid by the Unit- side of the road as well as from the

\$7,200,000. At the time of the purchase lomacy in thus securing this great and in some degree, because America was, resourceful territory. Several reasons have been assigned as to why Russia disposed of this vast ter-

commenced the negotiations to remunerfor her friendly attitude toward us during the civil war. Many also believe that Russia sought to dispose of this territory eral rule governing this question, for to the United States that England might not in some way absorb it. The most reasonable explanation is that she wished to be relieved of the care and protection which her subjects so constantly required of her in maintaining the semblance of a

It was Charles Sumner who at the time of the purchase suggested the name 'Alaska," and it was a compliment in return for his warm advocacy of the purchase that Secretary Seward sanctioned the suggestion.

On March 30 ether was first used as an which the Crimean war ended in 1856. But, do you know, I always thought

AT THE HOTELS.

"I'll bet you any amount that Arizona will be admitted to Statehood at this session of Congress," said James T. Young, of Phoenix, Ariz., who is at the National Mr. Young is here keeping "tab" on the progress the Statehood fight is making.

"Both platforms, that of the Republican and of the Democratic party, favor the Representative Julius Kahn took ad- tain marvelously rich American wishes admission of Arizona and New Mexico as vantage of the latitude of the House to establish with his name and fortune, separate States. The President is in rules last Saturday and delivered an ad- I asked myself: "How do the hosts of favor of keeping faith with the platform dress on the "Muckrakers of Other the stars of heaven compare in number upon which he was elected, and the committees of the House and Senate are in pass the bill as soon as possible. To delay action and not give the people of Arizona what was promised them will surely prove the sorest disappointment

"No, sir: Arizona will send two Republicans to the United States Senate, and it is more than likely that the whole Conbe Republican. At the last election it was shown that the Republicans almost captured the Territorial legislature. A difference in votes of fifty or so would have given the victory to the Republicans. Since then there has been a new influx into the Territory from Republican States, elected would be Republicans.

"I am not prepared to say whether the citizens of the Territory will remain loyal to the Republican party if Statehood is denied to them by a Republican Congress. It is quite likely that in that case they would affiliate with the Democratic party and seek their luck."

Harrison S. Burt, of Portland, Oreg., who is at the New Willard, discussing the resources of Oregon, said last night: 'Oregon is preeminently a wonderful in its soil and products. And here I begin to fear that my reputation as a George Washington hatchet bearer will

suffer. "What will you say, or think, when I tell you that in Eastern Oregon and Washington four or five big crops of wheat are harvested from one sowing? It is a fact, and this is the only region of God's green and beautiful earth where it is a fact. Farmers actually harvest three, four, and sometimes five crops of wheat from one seeding. Wheat may be sown and harvested every month in the year. It is no uncommon thing to see plowing, harrowing, seeding, harvesting and thrashing all going on in the same

field at the same time. "You never heard of anything like it before? No; and there are nearly 95,000,000 people in this country who are like you that respect; but facts are facts, whether new to you or not-and these are facts: From fifty to eighty bushels of wheat, from sixty to 110 bushels of oats and barley, from 50,000 pounds of carrots and turnips, and from 400 to 900 bushels of potatoes in the acre are ordinary

"The biggest apples, the biggest pears, and biggest cherries come from Oregon and the biggest timber from the State of Washington, Potatoes weighing from four to eleven pounds, and apples weighing from a pound and a half to two pounds, and strawberries from ten to twelve inches around the waist are comm "Here in your Eastern timber lands," continued Mr. Burt, "a vield of from 4,000 to 6,000 feet of first-class merchantable lumber to the acre is considered a miles of timber lands that will yield from 30,000 to 450,000 feet to the acre. A fir tree infinite space, and laugh at those who high and 220 feet to the first limb, and scaled 96,245 feet of lumber, or about as much as twenty acres of good average Eastern timber. Cedars grow from 150 to 250 feet high, and from 15 to 45 feet in

circumference. "Portland is constantly shipping to square, and Oregon and Washington formineral riches include everything in human use but tin, and even that has re-

"Some very old facts in human developments are embalmed in 'the rule of the is a great traveler, and has just returned from a Continental tour, which he made in an automobile. "The rule of the road is that you turn to the right in passing. "Come seben, come eleben!" said the You turn to the right because you are two new fissures-one of two miles in occasions being at the death of James stepping around the corner and collaring can, and so does any individual. All save in England and Italy, where you turn to the right if you are afoot, but to

the left if you are driving. "What is the explanation of this curious divergence from an otherwise universal rule? There are a number of explanations that do not explain which I found out on my travels. One is that the postilions of diligences held the reins in the left hand while the right was kept free to handle firearms, and that they passed to the left to fight highwaymen, who were thus kept on the right side. The trouble with this theory is that highwaymen were just as common in other countries as in England or Italy, and that they could attack from the left

"Why has America, a daughter of England, abandoned the rule of left-passpartly or to a greater extent, settled from the Continent, but chiefly because the long first period of settlement was not only wagonless, but even horseless, and even English folk when afoot had

never ceased to be right-passers. "It would be a splendid idea, however, if all the countries would adopt a gensince the arrival of the automobile traveling has been greatly increased."

The Bible in Gotham.

From the New York Telegraph. "What is the meaning of the word Easter?" said William J. Kelley, at the Lambs Club. No one could answer the question, and

Mr. Kelley went on: "Nobody in New York reads the Bible now. Ignorance of the Bible and of biblical things is amazing. "Not long ago, at a dinner, I got into

a biblical argument. When the argument was over a young woman said: "'I enjoyed that discussion splendidly wife?'

'Another young woman commented: "'Oh, well, I suppose they ought to have been, if they were not.'

No Reasonable Offer Refused.

Stella-Is she in her declining years? Bella-No; her accepting ones.